

Church Directory

First Baptist Church
N.A.S. Dr. & Scotland
Sunday School 9:45 am
Worship Sun. 11 am & 7 pm, Wed. 7 pm
937-1310

Padre Island Baptist Church
14253 S. Padre Island Dr. 949-8273
Sun. School 9:45 a.m.;
Worship 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

St. Andrew by the Sea Catholic Church
14238 Encantada (on Padre Island)
Masses 8 a.m. Mon. & Fri., 6 p.m. Thurs.,
5 p.m. Sat., 9 & 11 a.m. Sun.
949-7193

St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church
2233 Waldron Rd.
Masses 5 p.m. Sat.; 8:30 & 11 a.m. Sun.
Masses M., Th., F. 8 a.m.
Masses Wed. & First Fri. 7 p.m.
937-3864

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
1318 Flour Bluff Dr. 937-8158
Worship 8 & 10:45 a.m.; Sun. School 9:30 a.m.
Pre School M-F 937-6414

St. John's United Methodist Church
5300 So. Alameda
Sun. School 9:40 a.m.,
Worship 8:30 & 10:50 a.m.
991-4342

Island Presbyterian Church
Corner of Gypsy and Fortuna Bay Drive
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
949-8770

Flour Bluff Christian Fellowship
Oso Bridge Plaza Shopping Center
Worship 10 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun.; 7 p.m. Wed.
939-9188 215-4947

Church on Padre Island
Seabreeze Bldg., 15137 SPID
Worship 9 a.m. Sun., Men's Prayer Breakfast
7 a.m. Tues., Women's Bible Study, 9 a.m.
Wed., Bible Study 7 p.m. Thurs.
949-2233

Island in the Son United Methodist Church
14225 SPID #4 949-8699
Worship at Holiday Inn on Padre Island Sun., 9:30 & 11:00
Sunday School, 10:40

Attend the Church of your choice

Waldron Rd. Baptist Church
2042 Waldron Rd. 937-3772
Sun. School 9:45 a.m.;
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.
Training, Sunday, 5 p.m.

St. Peter's by the Sea United Methodist Church
1541 Waldron Rd. 937-1456
Sun. School 9:30 a.m.;
Worship 8:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m.
Worship & Gospel Sing Along, Wed. 7 p.m.
Bilingual (Spanish/English) Service, Fri., 7 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church
2727 Airline Rd. 994-0285
Sun. School 9 a.m.; Worship 8:00 a.m.
& 10:30 a.m. Nursery Provided

Flour Bluff Church of the Nazarene
510 N.A.S. Dr. 937-8240
Sun. School 9:30 a.m.;
Services 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

Caribbean Baptist Church
3125 Waldron 939-8516
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Services Sunday 10:45 a.m. & 7 p.m.
Wednesdays 7 p.m.

Corner Stone Church
3909 Waldron Road 939-8475
Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m.
Youth Group Wed. 7 p.m.

Light House Tabernacle Pentecostal Church of God
715 Yorktown Blvd.
Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
Wed. Eve. 7 p.m., Fri. Youth 7 p.m.

Gateway Christian Center
925 N.A.S. Dr. 937-5494
Sunday School 10 a.m.
Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.; Wed. 7 p.m.

True Vine Baptist Church
1126 Stone St.
Sun. School, 9:45 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.;
Training Union, 5 p.m.; Worship, 6 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study/Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.



Wal-Mart store Manager Jesse Ydunate (right) presents Mary Hankins, Executive Director, Timons Ministry, with an \$869 check for community services excellence as her husband, Reverend Nathaniel A. B. Hankins, Senior Pastor, St. Peters by the Sea UMC, Flour Bluff, witnesses the event. (Photo by Bill Dagendesh)

Wal-Mart rewards ministry for community services

By Bill Dagendesh

Heaven-sent? Probably! After all, it was something they neither prayed or negotiated for, so what else could it possibly be?

"Thankful? You bet'cha! In fact, so thankful were they of this blessed event that they embraced each other, dropped to their knees and tearfully praised the Lord. And after they dried their tears, they praised the Lord some more.

"It was a day filled with many blessings, that being the frosting on the cake," Reverend Nathaniel A. B. Hankins, Senior Pastor, St. Peters by the Sea UMC, Flour Bluff, explained, shaking his head in disbelief. "When we got the phone call saying we were this year's recipient, it indeed was the answer to a prayer," the Reverend continued, his voice trailing off like a sustained note at the end of a song.

That was the reaction expressed by Hankins when he and his wife Mary, Executive Director, Timons Ministries, were presented with an \$869 check from Wal-Mart Stores Inc., for Timons' community services excellence. The check is part of the store's annual Charity Appeal donation program which recognizes area organizations for their contributions.

"They (Timons) deserve every penny of it," area resident Angela Iverson explained of the Ministry and their providing meals to the homeless. "They're always there to help when no one else is."

Presenting Timons with this check, Iverson said, doesn't begin to scratch the surface when attempting to say thank you. Wal-Mart agrees with Iverson as it is caring and sharing which provided the nucleus for the program's existence.

According to Wal-Mart manager Jesse Ydunate, the store's holiday fund-raising tradition began in 1993 when Wal-Mart donated a percentage of its holiday sales to local charities chosen by store associates. The idea proved to be so popular that Wal-

Mart decided to continue the program.

But the best was yet to come. In 1997, Wal-Mart Inc., raised and donated more than \$102 million to the Children's Miracle Network, United Way and Salvation Army, as well as nationwide non-profit organizations. Last year, the percentage of sales totaled over \$4 million in donations to non-profit organizations located in the communities served by Wal-Mart.

So why did Wal-Mart choose Timons as this year's Charity Appeal check recipient?

"Because I got a lot of positive feedback from people, particularly Wal-Mart employees, who praise all that the church does for the community," explained Ydunate who presented the check. "By thanking this wonderful organization for their services, we too are giving something back to the community."

And giving to the community is precisely what Timons Ministry was designed to do. For the past two years Timons has reached out to help those in need in the Flour Bluff community. Through its lunch program alone, Timons has provided over 32,000 meals for homeless and needy citizens. The Ministry also has provided clothing to more than 2,000 people and food baskets to more than 600 families.

But this is only the tip of the outreach iceberg as the Ministry also spearheads a crisis monitoring service for abused women and children. They also help folks find jobs and provide transportation services for those requiring medical care.

"The Lord truly is there for those who put their faith in Him," Hankins explained of Wal-Mart's generosity.

His wife Mary concurs.

"Our mission is to feed a person's soul spiritually as well as their stomach physically, and help with some of their basic daily needs," Hankins continued as a homeless woman entered the room. "Hopefully, they will see that Jesus Christ shines through us."



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